



Interpretive Visitor Services Schedule: 2015

Visitor Center

Friday, January 2	to	Saturday, April 11	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday, April 12	to	Thursday, May 21	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday, May 22	to	Monday, September 7	7:30 am to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 8	to	Saturday, October 31	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 1	to	Thursday, December 31	8:30 am to 4:30 pm

*The Visitor Center is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.
^Entrance fees will be collected here from January 11 through March 6, 2015.

Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum

Friday, January 2	to	Friday, February 20	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday, February 21	to	Saturday, April 11	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 12	to	Saturday, October 17	8:00 am to 6:30 pm
Sunday, October 18	to	Saturday, October 31	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 1	to	Thursday, December 31	9:00 am to 4:30 pm*

*The museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Spruce Tree House (no ticket required)

Ranger-guided Tours			
Friday, January 2	to	Friday, February 20	Tours (free) 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm
Saturday, February 21	to	Friday, March 6	Tours (free) 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:30 pm
Sunday, November 1	to	Thursday, December 31	Tours (free) 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm*

Self-guided			
Saturday, March 7	to	Saturday, April 11	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, April 12	to	Monday, September 7	8:30 am to 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 8	to	Saturday, October 17	9:00 am to 6:30 pm
Sunday, October 18	to	Saturday, October 31	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

*Spruce Tree House may be open self-guided the week of Thanksgiving, and between Christmas and New Year’s Day from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm if staffing and weather permits. However, it is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Balcony House Tours (ticket required)

(Purchase tickets at the Visitor & Research Center, Morefield Ranger Station, or Colorado Welcome Center, Cortez.)

Friday, January 2	to	Saturday, April 11	Closed
Sunday, April 12	to	Saturday, May 2	9:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:00 pm
Sunday, May 3	to	Thursday, May 21	9:00 am to 5:00 pm; every hour and 9:30 am and 3:30 pm
Friday, May 22	to	Saturday, August 22	9:00 am to 5:00 pm; every 1/2 hour
Sunday, August 23	to	Saturday, October 17	9:00 am to 5:00 pm; every hour*
Sunday, October 18	to	Thursday, December 31	Closed

*Additional tours will be added if possible.

Cliff Palace Tours (ticket required)

(Purchase tickets at the Visitor & Research Center, Morefield Ranger Station, or Colorado Welcome Center, Cortez.)

Friday, January 2	to	Thursday, May 21	Closed
Friday, May 22	to	Monday, September 7	9:00 am to 6:00 pm; every 1/2 hour
Tuesday, September 8	to	Saturday, October 17	Schedules TBA. Please check back*
Sunday, October 18	to	Saturday, October 31	Schedules TBA. Please check back*
Sunday, November 1	to	Thursday, December 31	Closed

*Please check back here for updates as details of the Cliff Palace preservation project are worked out, or call the park at 970-529-4465.

Twilight Tours of Cliff Palace (ticket required)

(Reservations will be available online at www.recreation.gov in early March)

Sunday, May 24	to	Thursday, July 23	7:15 pm
Sunday, July 26	to	Sunday, September 6	6:45 pm

Tours offered Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Photography Tours of Cliff Palace (ticket required)

(Reservations will be available online at www.recreation.gov in early March)

Friday, May 22	to	Saturday, July 25	7:15 pm
Friday, July 31	to	Saturday September 5	6:45 pm

Tours offered Friday and Saturday.

Morefield Ranger Station		
Sunday, May 24 to Saturday, August 29		5:00 pm to 8:30 pm daily

Evening Program at Morefield Campground		
Saturday, May 23	to Sunday, July 26	9:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Monday, July 27	to Sunday, August 23	8:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Monday, August 24	to Sunday, September 6	8:15 pm to 9:15 pm

Educational Tours for School Groups by Advance Arrangement		
Balcony House		
Monday, April 13	to Thursday, May 21	Variable schedule, call 970-529-5079 for information
Tuesday, September 8	to Saturday, October 17	Variable schedule, call 970-529-5079 for information

Wetherill Mesa		
This year, Wetherill Mesa will offer two seasonal opportunities.		
SPRING AND FALL (Wetherill Mesa Road* open 8:00 am to sunset)		
Friday, May 1 (<i>or as soon as weather/road conditions permit</i>) to Thursday, May 21		
Tuesday, September 8 to Friday, October 31 (<i>earlier if weather/road conditions close the road</i>)		
In spring and fall, Wetherill Mesa Road is open self-guided (no services) when the weather permits, and the 5-mile tram road, now called the "Long House Loop," is open for hiking and bicycle riding. The alcove sites are closed until summer, but other existing trails are open for hiking. Be sure to pick up a Wetherill Mesa Visitor Guide when you arrive. It will contain a map and information about the best way to visit this part of the park.		
SUMMER (Wetherill Mesa Road* open 8:00 am to sunset)		
Friday, May 22 to Monday, September 7		
Wetherill Mesa Information Kiosk		9:00 am to 6:30 pm
Long House Tour** (ticket required)		9:30 am, 10:30 am, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm
**Note: There is no tram service this summer, so the Long House tour has been modified. This ranger-guided tour lasts about two hours and involves hiking at least 2.25 miles (3.6 km) round-trip.		
Step House, Self-guided		9:45 am to 4:15 pm

*Note: Bicycles are not allowed on the narrow, steep, and winding Wetherill Mesa Road.

Special Backcountry Hikes (ticket required)		
<i>(Reservations will be available online at www.recreation.gov in early March)</i>		
Square Tower House		
Sunday, May 3 to Sunday, May 24 at 8:00 am		
Saturday and Sunday		
Thursday, September 10 to Sunday, October 18 at 8:00 am		
Thursday and Sunday		
Oak Tree House		
Tuesday, May 26 to Saturday, September 5 at 8:00 am		
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday		
Wetherill Mesa Bike and Hike Adventure		
Wednesday, May 27 to Sunday, September 6 at 9:30 am		
Wednesday and Sunday		

Luminaria Holiday Open House		
Thursday, December 10		4:00 pm to 9:00 pm